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## **BRINKER INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZES SEVEN SUPPLIERS WITH 2005 OUTSTANDING PARTNER AWARD**

DALLAS (Sept. 28, 2005) – Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT) today honored seven companies with its Outstanding Partner Awards. The honorees include three food suppliers, two distributors, and two non-food suppliers who beat a field of more than 100 nominated companies.

Winners were chosen based on exceptional performance against a number of metrics, including product innovation and savings, performance in third-party audits, compliance with product specifications, quality control, customer service, order fulfillment and billing accuracy among other criteria.

The 2005 Outstanding Partners include:

**American FoodService**, Dallas ([www.americanfoodservice.com](http://www.americanfoodservice.com)) -- American FoodService provides a full range of produce for more than 100 Brinker-owned restaurants in North Texas. The company has served Brinker since 1996.

**ColorMark**, Carrollton, Texas ([www.colormark-lc.com](http://www.colormark-lc.com)) – ColorMark, a digital and offset printing company, produces point-of-purchase materials, in-store signage and a variety of collateral and promotional materials for Chili's. ColorMark has served Brinker for more than 19 years.

**The Mazzetta Co., LLC**, Highland Park, Ill. ([www.seamazz.com](http://www.seamazz.com)) -- A leading seafood importer, Mazzetta supplies shrimp and salmon for Chili's, On The Border and Romano's Macaroni Grill. The company has been a Brinker supplier since 2000.

**Park 100 Foods**, Tipton, Ind. ([www.park100foods.com](http://www.park100foods.com)) – Park 100 Foods became primary supplier of Chili's cinnamon apples side item in 2003 and has since been providing a wide range custom salsas, glazes, dips and sauces for various menu items and promotional offerings.

**QSR Automation**, Louisville, Ky. ([www.qsrautomation.com](http://www.qsrautomation.com)) – QSR developed the kitchen display system (KDS) that links the dining room point-of-sale system with the kitchen to ensure order timeliness, accuracy and consistency. Brinker began using QSR Automation in 2001 and has deployed the system in most of its restaurants.

**Shamrock Foods Co.**, Phoenix ([www.shamrockfoodservice.com](http://www.shamrockfoodservice.com)) -- Shamrock, one of the largest foodservice distributors in the United States, delivers grocery

products to more than 50 Brinker restaurants in Arizona, West Texas and Southern New Mexico The company has served Brinker since 1993.

**Sugar Foods Corp.**, New York ([www.sugarfoods.com](http://www.sugarfoods.com)) – A Brinker supplier since 1987, Sugar Foods supplies Brinker with sugar, seasoned bread crumbs, tortilla strips and packaged sweeteners.

“Our quest to be the premier casual dining company in the world can only succeed by having the best people, products and processes to grow our brands, deliver exceptional dining experiences each and every day and generate optimal returns for our shareholders,” said Michael B. “Happy” Webberman, Executive Vice President of Concept Services. “Our supplier community plays a critical role in our company mission, and we are proud to recognize the outstanding support and service of Mazzetta, Park 100, Sugar Foods, Shamrock, American FoodService, QSR and ColorMark.”

Based in Dallas, Brinker International owns, operates, franchises, or is involved in the ownership of more than 1,500 restaurants in 49 states and 24 countries. Brinker brands include Chili's Grill & Bar, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Maggiano's Little Italy, On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina and Corner Bakery Cafe.

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